

Lanesborough Agricultural Commission

Minutes

January 10, 2013

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm at the Lanesborough Town Hall in the Planning Board meeting room.

The Selectmen had appointed T. Michael Gallagher to the commission. He has been sworn in and was present. He was welcomed to the committee. He shared some of his background.

Attendees: Darlene Newton, Judy Gallant, and Michael Gallagher. Absent were Pete Gallant and Marvin Michalak.

The minutes of December 12, 2012, were reviewed. It was M/S/A to approve the minutes as printed.

Old Business

1. Lanesborough School Garden

Judy is to contact the Lanesborough Elementary School cafeteria to get a list of potential vegetables and herbs to be planted in the garden. A letter to the editor of the Berkshire Eagle was discussed, as well as a thank you letter to individuals.

There was discussion about a sign for the garden. Wording was discussed. Judy will speak to the Building Inspector to see if there are any restrictions. Marvin is to also contact the school.

Darlene will check on the type of seeds to be used.

The Commission will also be looking at grant possibilities to install a chain link fence.

2. Keep Farming Program

There will be a meeting on January 23 in Pittsfield. They will be discussing surveys.

3. Rabies Clinic

Posters for the clinic are being posted and has been made available to the local cable network. The rabies clinic is scheduled for February 5, 2013, from 5 to 6 pm at the Lanesborough Town Garage. Dr. Keith Beebe will administer the shots. The cost will be \$10.

4. Conferences

There will be an Agricultural Forum in Northampton on January 19, 2013. The State Ag Commission Conference will be on March 2, 2013. Possible attendance was discussed.

New Business

Information on other conferences was shared. A informational meeting on Slaughter and Meat Processing in Massachusetts will be held on January 19. There is also a NOFA conference coming up in Burlington, Vermont.

The next meeting date was set for February 13, 2013 at 7 pm.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm..